

To This End was I Born

John 18:28-40

John 18:28

John skips formal trial before Sanhedrin Matt 27:1-2.

The hall of judgment: the praetorian, official residence of Roman governor. Sanhedrin had condemned Jesus to death.

Now bringing before Pilate to seal His fate.

...lest they should be defiled

Time of Passover.

Jews go through rituals to make sure ceremonially clean.

- Rid houses of leaven.
- Sacrificial lambs ready.
- Kill Passover lambs in afternoon
- Keep feast after sunset.

If enter Gentile's residence considered unclean and defiled.

Praetorian was Roman establishment-- idols on display

Wanted to keep themselves from defilement, while breaking the law and plotting murder.

but that they might eat the passover. Wanting to eat Passover when about to crucify the true Passover lamb.

John 18:29 Pilate then went out unto them, Wasn't about to get into disagreement with Jews.

- Outside (18:28-32). They demand stamp of approval on death of Christ.
- Inside (18:33-38a). Hear Jesus' testimony
- Outside (18:38b-40). Find nothing worthy of death in Jesus.
- Inside (19:1-3). Jesus beaten and mocked
- Outside (19:4-7). Pilate declares Jesus innocent for second time.
- Inside (19:8-11). Respond to the Jews' claim ... claims to be Son of God.
- Outside (19:12-16). John 19:16 *Then delivered he him ...*

John 18:30

Malefactor: bad, evil man.

Acts 10:38

Don't expect world to have valid reason why hate you

John 18:31

It is not lawful for us to put any man to death: ...It is against law...only Romans issue death penalty.

John 18:32

Prophecy being fulfilled. John 12:32

When Jews executed someone it was done by stoning

Psalm 22:16 Psalm 22:18 Zechariah 12:10

Examination by Pilate in palace.

Five questions.

Pilate scared to death of Jesus.

John 18:33

King of the Jews: civil title. Caesar's competition

Accusing Jesus of wanting to lead insurrection.

Luke 23:2 Accused Jesus of three things:

Perverting the nation,

Forbidding to pay the taxes to Caesar, and

Claiming to be Christ or King.

John 18:34

Jesus wants Pilate to take responsibility for thinking.

When being falsely accused. It is proper to ask questions of your accuser.

A question appeals to conscience.

A question causes accuser to assess motive.

John 18:35

Am I a Jew? Sarcasm

Do you think I am one of them?

Thine own nation and the chief priests have delivered thee unto me:

Generally, Jews support their own

What hast thou done? Surely you have done something to warrant all of this anger and malice

Don't be surprised when your accusers use sarcasm?

John 18:36

My kingdom is not of this world: I am not the kind of king you would expect.

but now is my kingdom not from hence. My kingdom is not from here on earth.

Those today who want Christians to be part of the Political kingdom.

Earthly king--do anything to receive power, honor, and glory.

Heavenly king--do anything to give up his power, honor, and glory.

Earthly king--places value on material things

Heavenly king--places value on spiritual things

Earthly king-- rules by manipulation.

Heavenly king says, John 6:63 *It is the spirit that quickeneth; ...*

Earthly king--concerned about royal appearance.

Heavenly king: Isa 53:2-3... *he hath no form nor comeliness; ...*

John 18:37

Art thou a king then? You are a king, then?

Thou sayest that I am a king. You are the one who brought it up.

To this end was I born, ... You are right! I am a king. This is my purpose in life.

This is why I was born.

Bear witness, *testify, attest, affirm, confirm; speak well of, approve* (

Everything about Jesus is related to truth.

Truth: reality, fact, certainty.

Experience a relationship with Jesus and experience a relationship with truth.

John 14:6

Matt Hen: 1. To reveal it 2. To confirm it, Rom. 15:8.

Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice.

John 8:47

If a person belongs to God--has disposition to listen to and obey God's word.

If a person doesn't belong to God--doesn't have disposition to listen to and obey God's word.

2 Pet 2:2

Hughes, 253: ... *they could not hear him in their souls.*

Description of unconverted individual:

- ❖ Heart that is insensitive to the things of God.
- ❖ No desire to listen to Biblical truth.
- ❖ No spiritual perception of Biblical truth.
- ❖ No new nature
- ❖ No spiritual healing.

Description born-again believer:

- ❖ Heart that is sensitive to the things of God
- ❖ A desire to listen to Biblical truth
- ❖ Spiritual perception
- ❖ A new nature
- ❖ Spiritual healing

John 18:38

What is truth?

Hughes: *Pilate was not joking. He was sarcastic perhaps, but unsmiling, and whatever his exterior countenance, he was confused and despairing. He was a materialist, hungrily pursuing the fantasies of power, celebrity status, and sensual satisfaction. But in that moment he was arrested by his wife's spiritual premonition and the mystical authority of Christ. But we know he did not truly want an answer because he did not wait for one.*

And when he had said this, he went out again unto the Jews. Left verbal witness of the truth.

Verdict: ***... I find in him no fault at all.***

John 18:39

Pilate remembers tradition of the Jews.

Each Passover allowed to request freedom of one prisoner.

Symbolic act of God setting free Israelites from bondage to the Egyptians.

will ye therefore that I release unto you the King of the Jews?

John 18:40

Barabbas

Robber--bandit.

Mk 15:7, Lk 23:19: Insurrectionist and murderer

Matt 27:16: Notorious prisoner.

From this time on the Jews would be robbed and plundered by bandits.

So What?

- Don't expect world to have valid reason why hate you
- When falsely accused--proper to ask questions of accuser.
- Don't be surprised when accusers use sarcasm?
- Everything about Jesus related to truth.
- *Experience a relationship with Jesus and experience a relationship with truth.*
- If person belongs to God--disposition to listen to and obey God's Word.
- If person is of spiritual kingdom--recognize Jesus for what he is--king of life.
- How respond to truth? Pilate--walked out